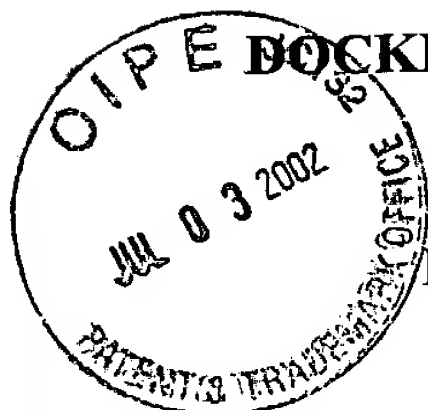


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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This paper timely responds to the outstanding April 4, 2002 Office Action. Applicants request that the application be amended, without prejudice, as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

20. (amended) A method for detecting tissue hypoxia in a mammal comprising: administering to the mammal a compound having the formula:

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